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1. The town of Magadan (N 59-34, E 150-48) started to grow after 1945. At first, the new building was done mostly by Japanese PWs. [redacted] the city in 1949, it looked small. In June 1953, however, there were many new dwellings and other buildings, which gave the impression of a big city. (See Enclosure: [redacted] Legend to sketch is on pages 2 and 3.) 25X1
2. [redacted] there were two rivers in the city, the Magadan River and the Molotar River. [redacted] after the confluence it was called the Magadan River.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
3. There was only one main highway, called the central trail (tsentralnaya trassa), which went from Magadan to Indigirka. By truck it took five days and nights (sutki) to travel from Magadan to the end of the road. This main road was open for all kinds of motor traffic, e.g., trucks, busses, postal busses, and passenger cars. There were only short branches, 10 to 20 kilometers long, which went off the main road. These branches led to camps and other installations. The main road was ordinarily closed from December until early April. In winter, the necessary traffic went by air. 25X1

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Legend to Sketch Map of Magadan

1. Gulf of Magadan.
2. Port [ ] with warehouses. 25X1
3. Port hotel (Portovaya Gostinitsa).
4. Two watchtowers, around either camp or warehouse.
5. Food warehouses lining both sides of the street.
6. Shipyards and dwellings.
7. MGB headquarters and prison; new concrete structure, was incomplete in June 1953 [ ] 25X1
- 7a. Garage (remontnyy tsekh), across from MGB.
8. Small calcium or lime (izvest) factory.
9. City shower baths.
10. Fire station.
11. Electric repair station (elektro-remont) which had the date 1936 on the front, presumably the date of construction.
12. Factory, type unknown.
13. Showers for prisoners [ ] 25X1
14. Post office, about 200 meters from the river.
- 14a. Restaurant No. 5, a two-story building.
15. Dalstroy administrative headquarters. It had a large "DS" sign.
16. Public park for culture and recreation.
17. Club with movie theater.
18. Area of new construction (June 1953) marked -----x-----.
19. Motor pool and garages (avtopark).
20. Promkombinat; no details; large inscription.
- 20a. Central heating plant for the city.
21. Area of dwellings.
22. Large area with camps for criminal forced laborers in transit.
23. Transit camp for political prisoners, both men and women. One camp with about 800 inmates who worked in the city.

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24. Administrative building for the camps.
25. Training school for camp guards; was opened in late 1951.
- 25a. Small MVD garrison for camp guards.
26. Tall tower, over 30 meters, with colored lights on side and big stationary light on top. [REDACTED] 25X1  
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27. Narrow-gauge railroad. [REDACTED] 25X1
28. Water duct, 12-15 inch diameter, partly above, partly under ground. Duct went far beyond city.
29. This point had a milestone, nine kilometers to Magadan.
30. Army barracks.
31. Arms or ammunition depot. The area was restricted to everyone, including soldiers, unless they worked there. There were four watchtowers with guards around the installation.
32. Wooden army barracks were being built in June 1953. There were concrete bathtubs. [REDACTED] 25X1
33. Three towers, possibly for Magadan radio.
34. Airfield. Two-engine planes landed here. As many as 40 planes were on the ground at one time. Field was 15 kilometers from city.
35. Military base as seen from ship. Base had its own port.
36. Nagayevo Bay (bukhta).

[REDACTED] Comment: Other sources have referred to the river in Magadan as the Molotar River.

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